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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, BM

SUBJECT: SALE OF US ARMORED CARS TO GUB

REF: RANGOON 210

1. WE WOULD APPRECIATE STATUS REPORT ON CADILLAC GAGE APPLICATION TO SELL NINE COMMANDO V-150 ARMORED CARS TO GUB. IN REFTTEL, WE SUPPORTED ON BALANCE THE SALE BUT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION THAN WE TO CONSIDER OTHER FACTORS SUCH AS CONGRESSIONAL REACTION. WE LEARN NOW THAT INITIAL RESPONSE IN THE EA BUREAU AT LEAST WAS TO THE NEGATIVE.

2. AT THIS STAGE, THE GUB APPARENTLY HAS CONCRETE EXPECTATIONS THAT USG APPROVAL OF THE SALE WILL BE FORTHCOMING. IT HAS SIGNED CONTRACT WITH CADILLAC GAGE AND RECENTLY OPENED LETTER OF CREDIT FOR TWENTY PERCENT DOWN PAYMENT ON THE VEHICLES. IF THE USG NOW REFUSES TO GRANT THE EXPORT LICENSE, GUB UNHAPPINESS WILL BE EVIDENT ALTHOUGH IT PROBABLY WOULD NOT DAMAGE PERMANENTLY THE LIMITED US INTERESTS WE HAVE HERE. (OF COURSE IT COULD POSSIBLY CHILL OUR WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BURMESE MILITARY.) UNFORTUNATE TOO IS THE FACT THAT THE T-33 OFFER HAS NOT YET ELICITED MUCH INTEREST FROM THE GUB (RANGOON 490) SINCE THIS COULD HAVE REPRESENTED SOMETHING OF A COMPENSATORY OFFSET TO TURN DOWN ON THE ARMORED CARS.

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